

Dear President Trump,

We write to you as a bipartisan group of Senators committed to resolving our current budget stalemate by strengthening border security and ending the partial government shutdown.

As you know, on January 6, your Acting Director of the Office of Management and Budget, Russell Vought, submitted an appropriation request for addressing the humanitarian and security challenges at our nation's southern border. We believe that such requests deserve consideration, through regular order, a process we support. We respectfully request that you join us in supporting a short-term Continuing Resolution (CR) of three weeks to give Congress time to develop and vote on a bipartisan agreement that addresses your request. We commit to working to advance legislation that can pass the Senate with substantial bipartisan support.

During those three weeks, we will make our best efforts following regular order in the appropriate committees and mark up bipartisan legislation relating to your request. This would include debating and voting on investments on the Southern border that are necessary, effective, and appropriate to accomplish that goal.

Sincerely,